

Jan. 7 Intercessions THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus is affirmed at his Baptism as God's beloved Son, and we too are given the Spirit of God which affirms us as God's adopted daughters and sons.

Let the Spirit of God in our hearts plead for the Church and for the world.

The congregational response, as printed in to-day's bulletin:

May the Spirit of God: **fill us to overflowing.**

Great God of all time and space, fill the Church with such joy in believing that all Christians overflow with love, compassion, generosity and humility.

Let us walk your way and live your life. (pause)

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Great God of power and justice, fill the arenas of leadership and conflict with sharpened consciences and with courage, so that wise decisions are made, needs met and wrongs righted. (pause)

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Great God of gentleness and truth, fill every home with new insight and greater understanding. Break down the divisive barriers and build up our capacity to love. (pause)

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Great God of attentive caring, fill us with your practical compassion; may all who suffer be heard, comforted and cared for.

Heal both their situation and our hardness of heart. (pause)

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Great God of unending being, fill death with your life and the dying with hope in you. Prepare us all for life which lasts for ever. (pause)

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Great God of all creation, fill our mouths with praises and our hearts with gratitude, for all the glory that surrounds us. (pause)

May the Spirit of God: **fill us to overflowing.**

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.